May 5, 2009 
Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman André Carson issued the following statement in celebration of Cinco de Mayo, a day marking the historic triumph of the Mexican people over the French Army in the battle of Puebla in 1862.

"Each May 5th, we celebrate the significant contributions of countless Mexicans and Mexican-Americans who have strengthened our economy and enriched our culture.

These contributions persist today, as our city's growing Latino community continues to work towards the enhancement of our neighborhoods and the improvement of our schools, businesses and local government.

I am proud to represent these hardworking Hoosiers in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Hispanics share with other Americans the common goals of freedom, opportunity, and a chance to build a better life. Today, we say thank you to the Hispanic community for their role in making our economy stronger and our culture more vibrant; and I pledge to always keep the dreams and contributions of Hispanics in mind while serving the Seventh District of Indiana."

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